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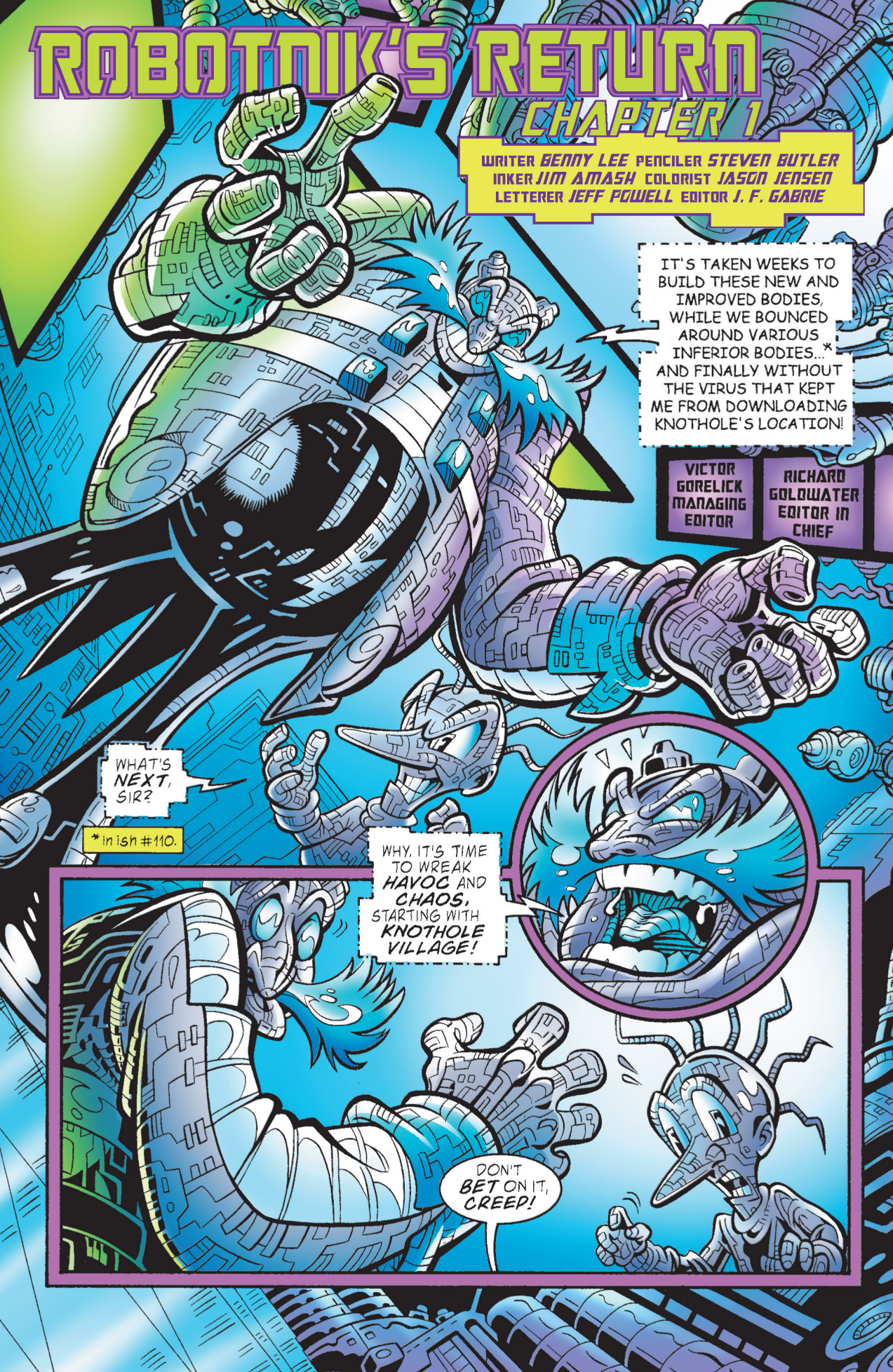
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CHAPTER 1
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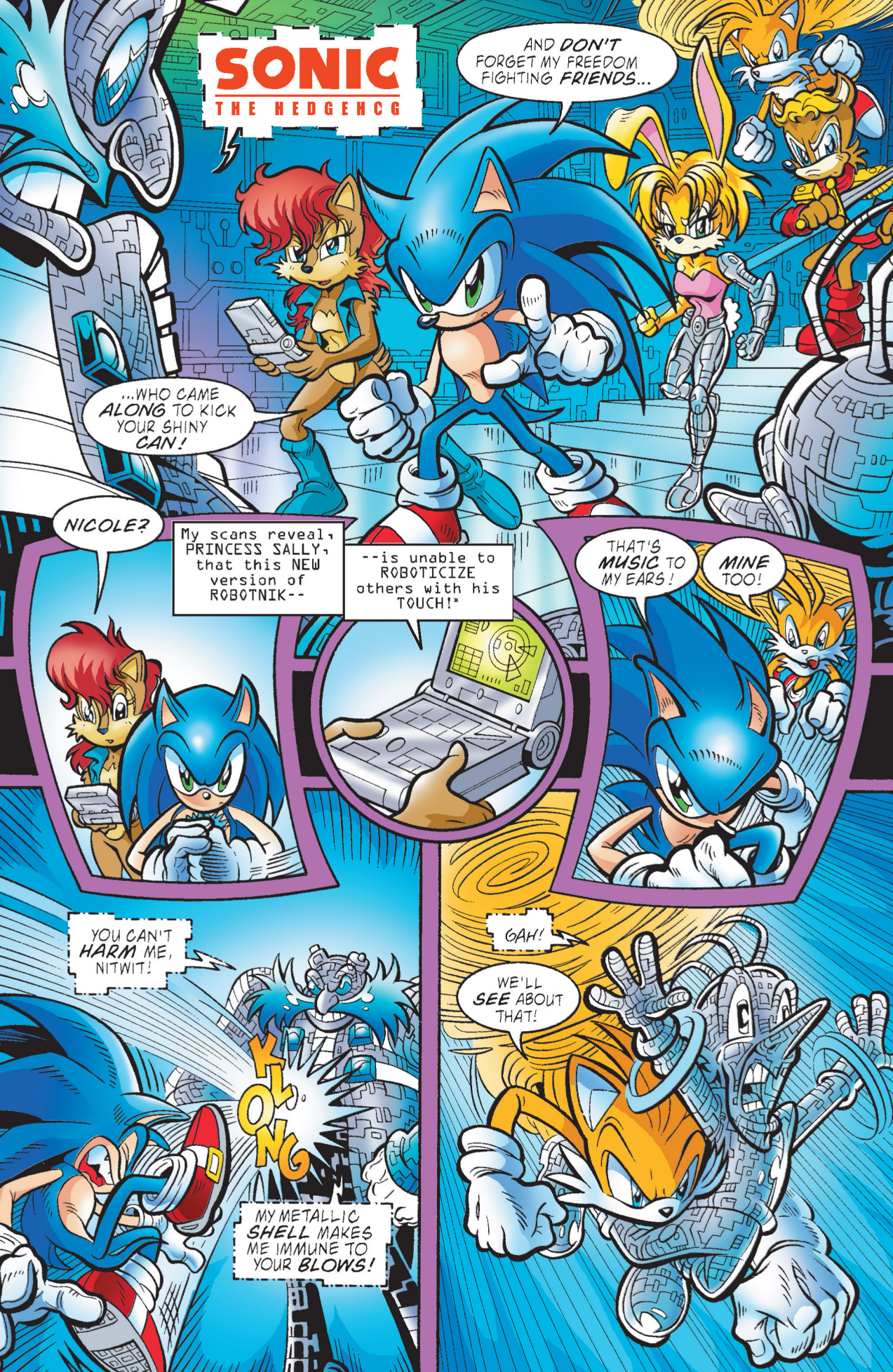
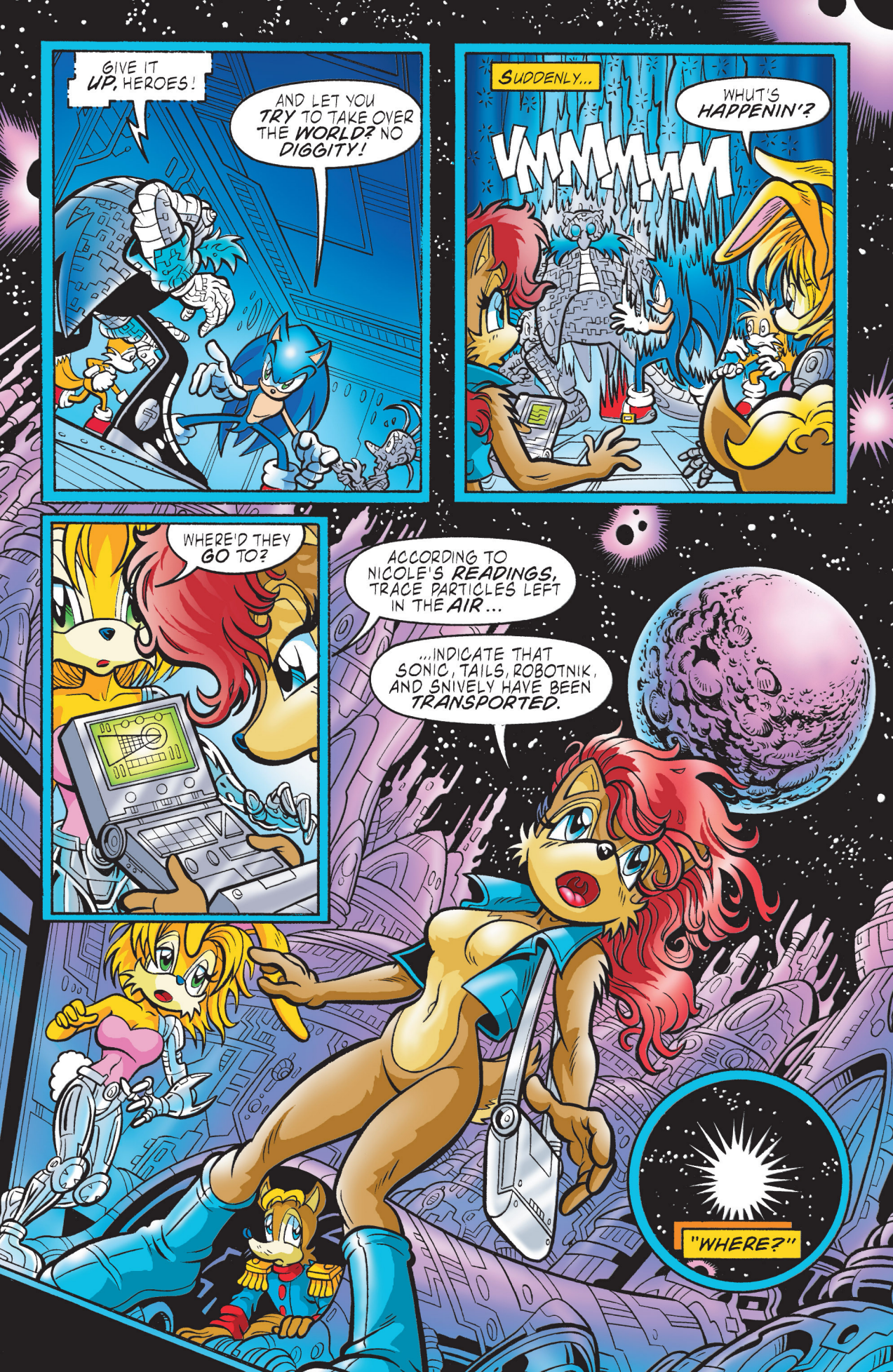
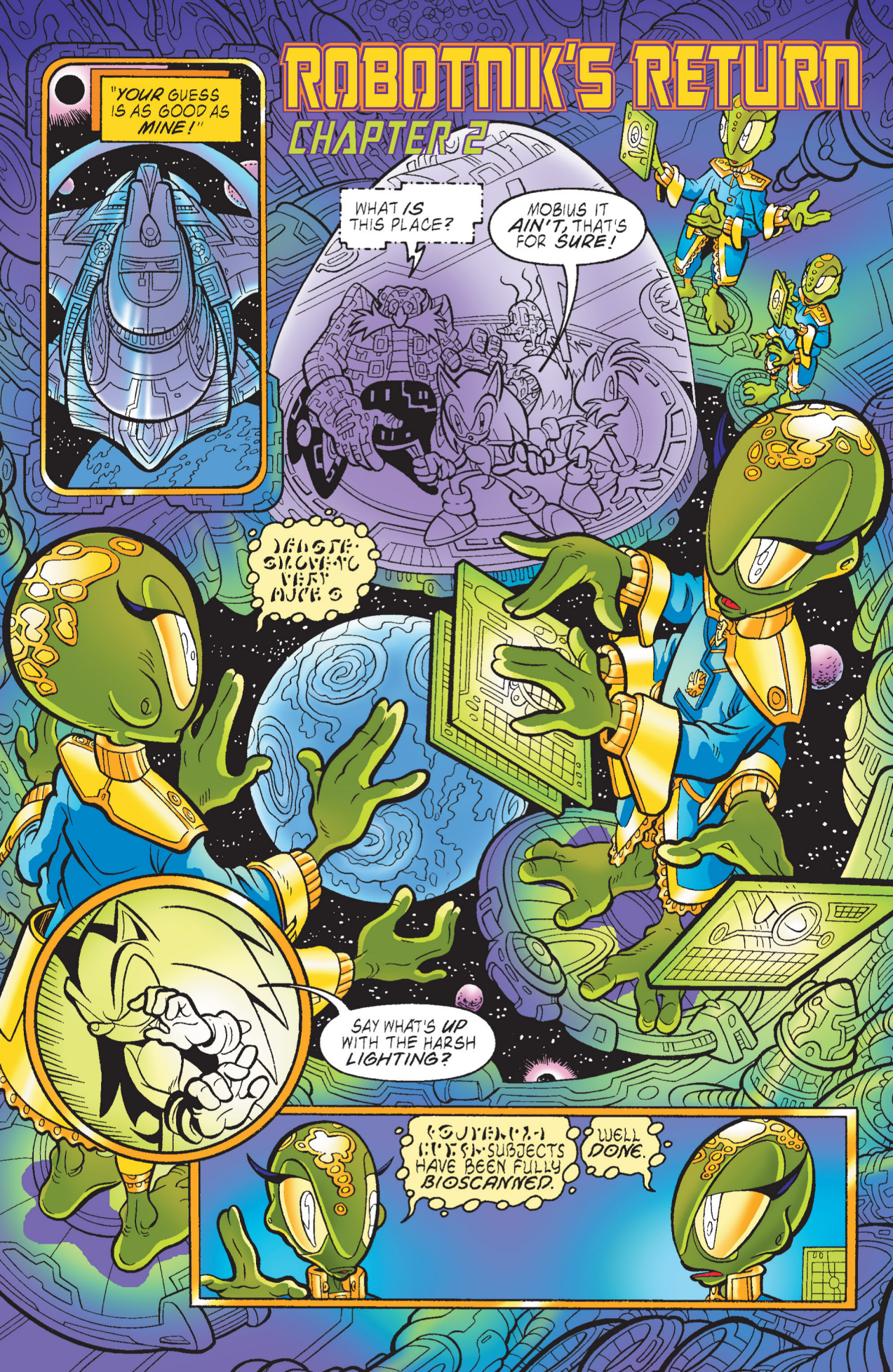
IT'S TAKEN WEEKS TO BUILD THESE NEW AND IMPROVED BODIES, WHILE WE BOUNCED AROUND VARIOUS INFERIOR BODIES...* AND FINALLY WITHOUT THE VIRUS THAT KEPT ME FROM DOWNLOADING KNOTHOLE'S LOCATION!
VICTOR GORELICK MANAGING EDITOR
RICHARD GOLDWATER EDITOR IN CHIEF
WHAT'S NEXT, SIR?
*In ish #110.
WHY, IT'S TIME TO WREAK HAVOC AND CHAOS, STARTING WITH KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!
DON'T BET ON IT, CREEP!


SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
AND DON'T FORGET MY FREEDOM FIGHTING FRIENDS...
...WHO CAME ALONG TO KICK YOUR SHINY CAN!
NICOLE?
My scans reveal, PRINCESS SALLY, that this NEW version of ROBOTNIK--
--is unable to ROBOTICIZE others with his TOUCH!*
THAT'S MUSIC TO MY EARS!
MINE TOO!
YOU CAN'T HARM ME, NITWIT!
KLONG
MY METALLIC SHELL MAKES ME IMMUNE TO YOUR BLOWS!
GAH!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!


GIVE IT UP, HEROES!
AND LET YOU TRY TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD? NO DIGGITY!
SUDDENLY...
VMMMMMM
WHUT'S HAPPENIN'?
WHERE'D THEY GO TO?
ACCORDING TO NICOLE'S READINGS, TRACE PARTICLES LEFT IN THE AIR...
...INDICATE THAT SONIC, TAILS, ROBOTNIK, AND SNIVELY HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED.
"WHERE?"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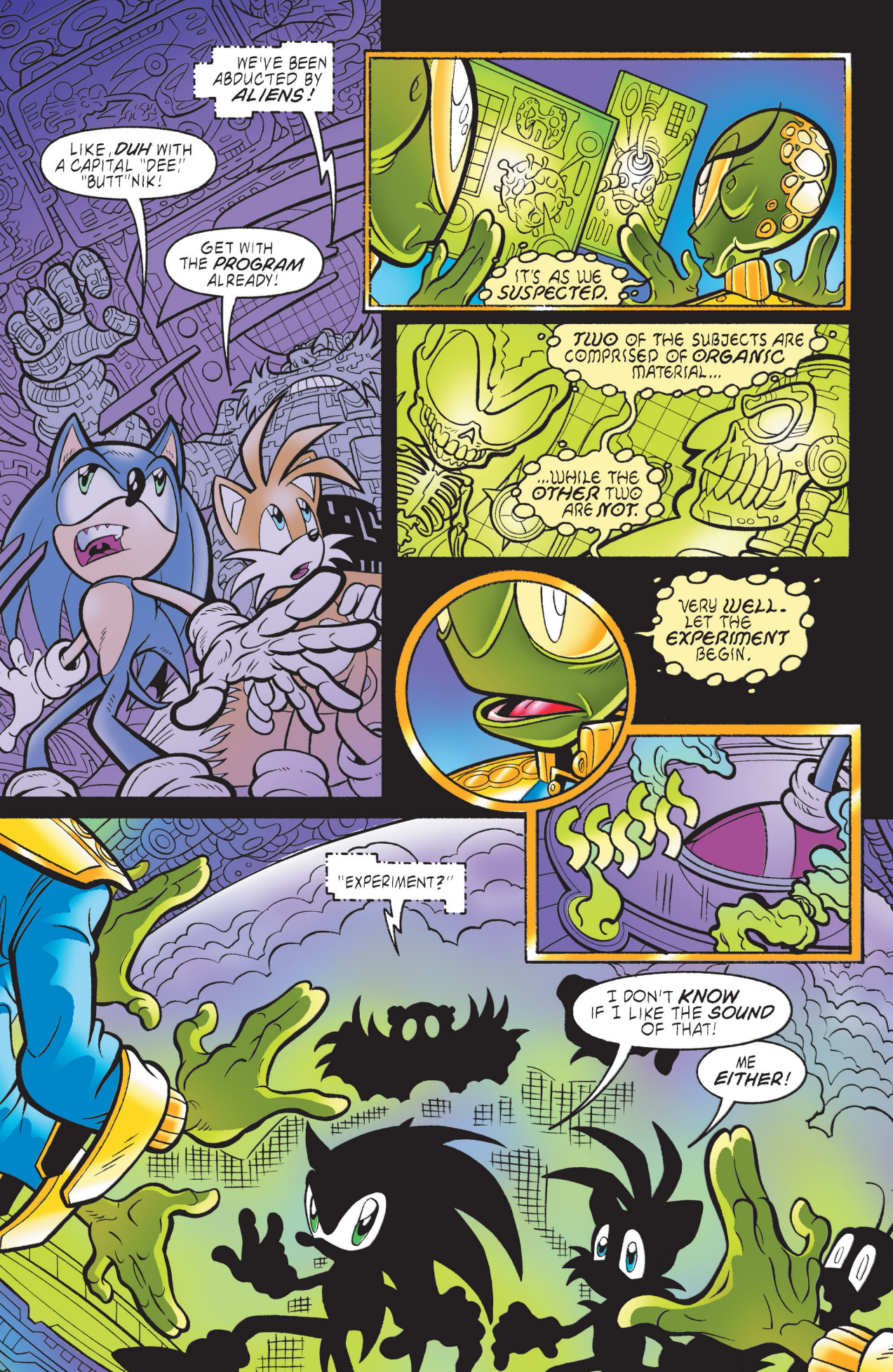
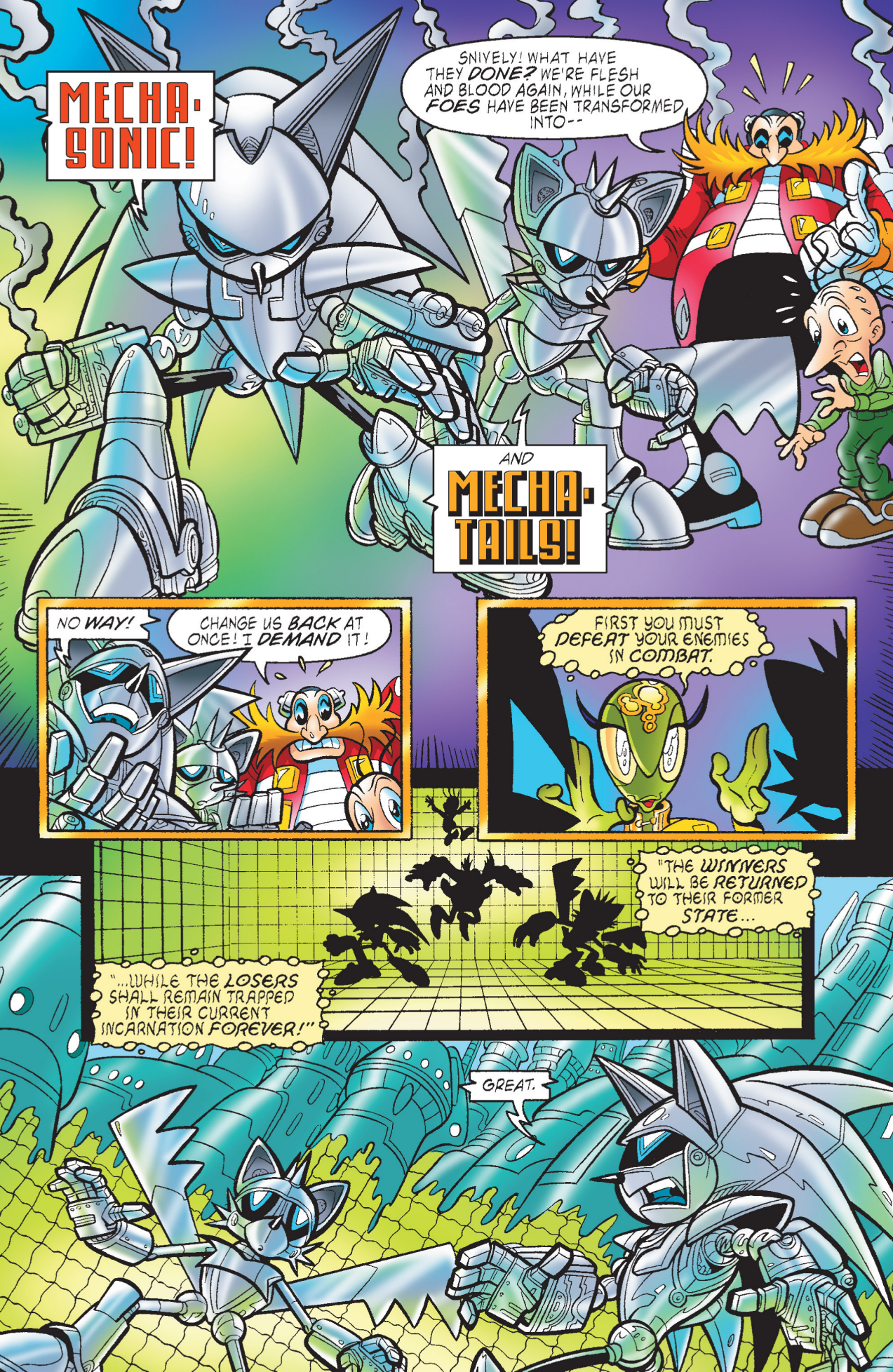
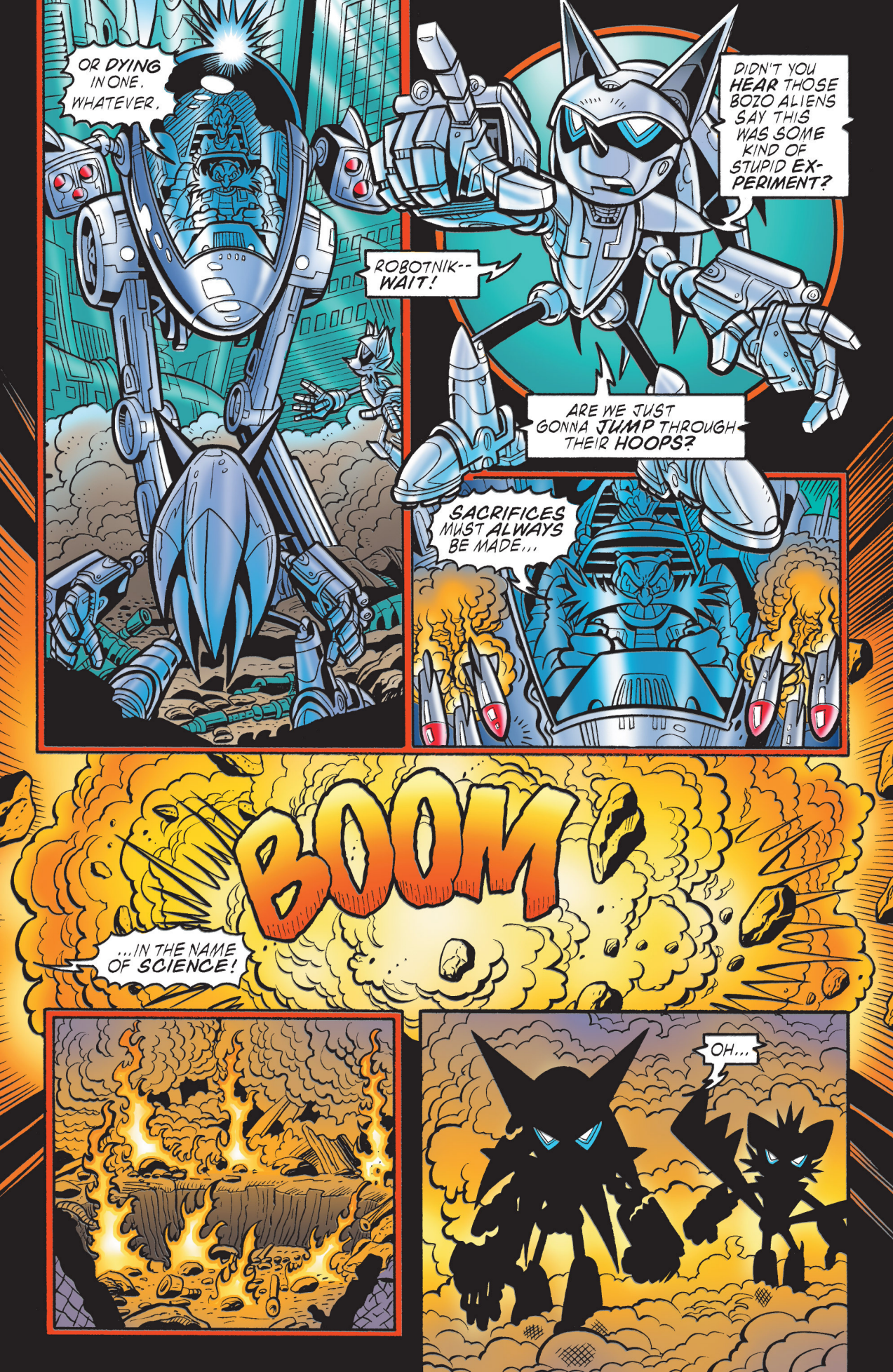
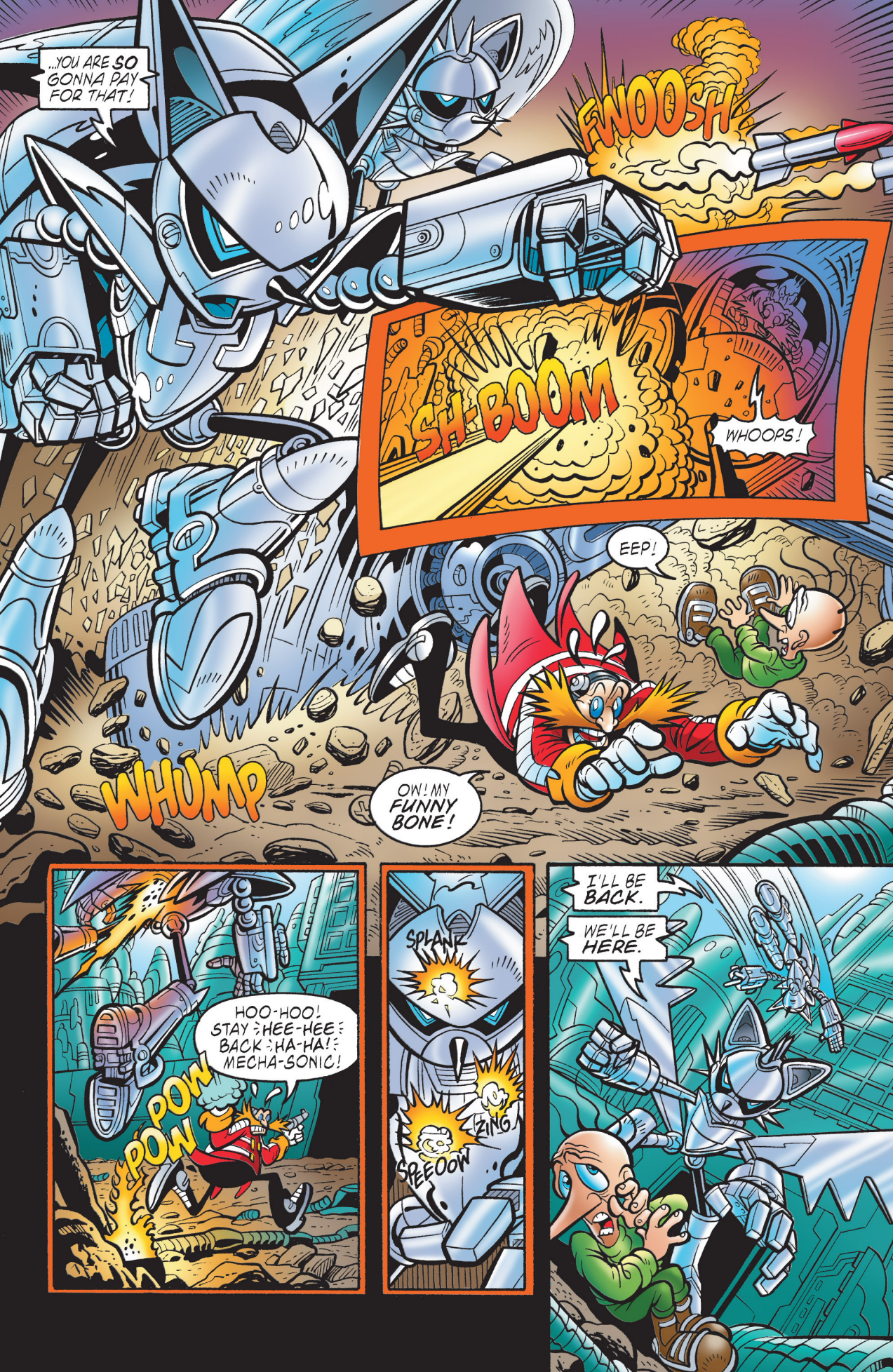
CHAPTER 2
"YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE!"
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
MOBIUS IT AIN'T, THAT'S FOR SURE!
SAY WHAT'S UP WITH THE HARSH LIGHTING?
WELL DONE.

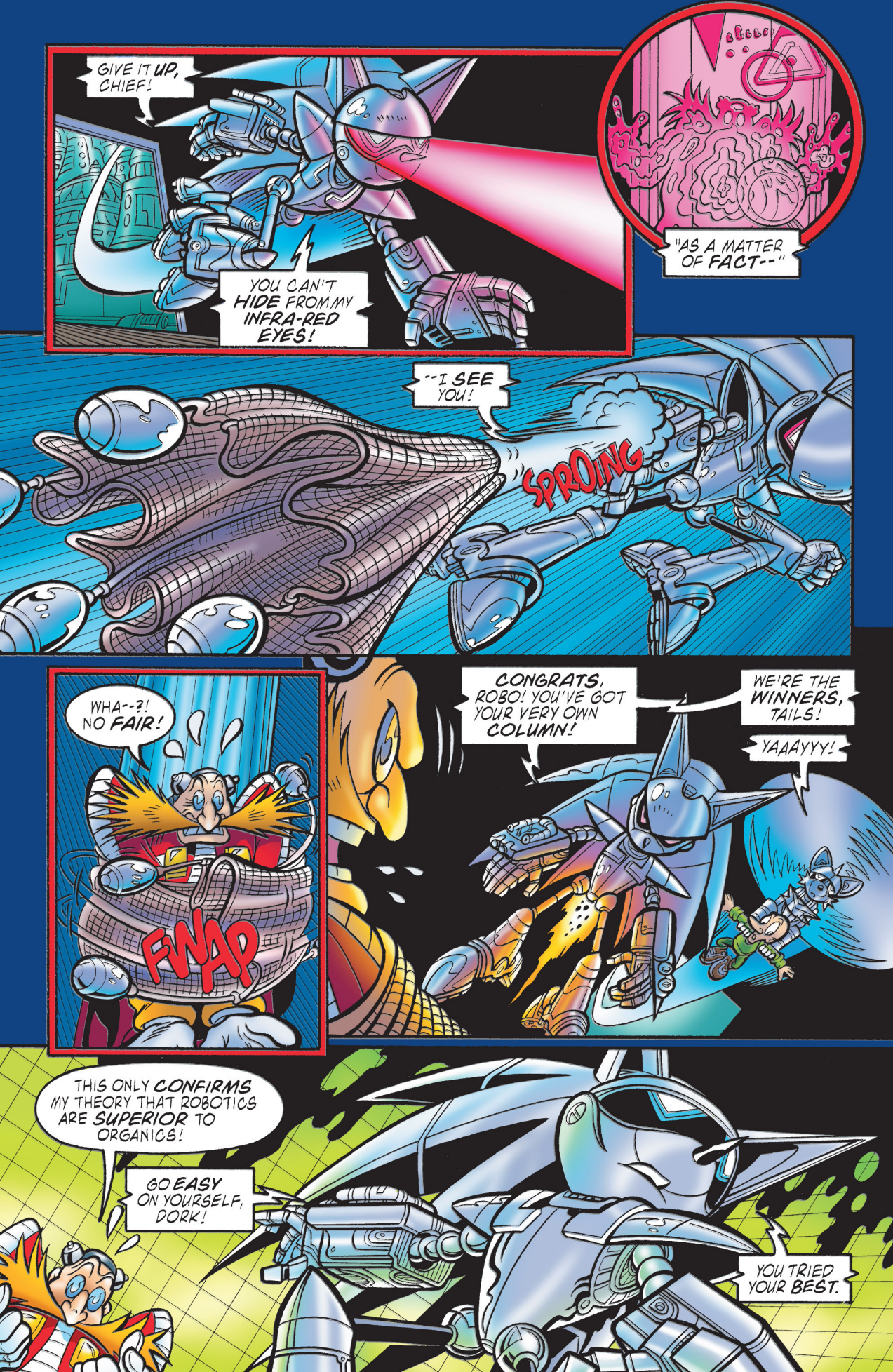

WE'VE BEEN ABDUCTED BY ALIENS!
LIKE, DUH WITH A CAPITAL "DEE," "BUTT"NIK!
GET WITH THE PROGRAM ALREADY!
IT'S AS WE SUSPECTED.
TWO OF THE SUBJECTS ARE COMPRISED OF ORGANIC MATERIAL...
...WHILE THE OTHER TWO ARE NOT.
VERY WELL. LET THE EXPERIMENT BEGIN.
"EXPERIMENT?"
I DON'T KNOW IF I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT!
ME EITHER!


MECHA-SONIC!
SNIVELY! WHAT HAVE THEY DONE? WE'RE FLESH AND BLOOD AGAIN, WHILE OUR FOES HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO--
AND
MECHA-TAILS!
NO WAY!
CHANGE US BACK AT ONCE! I DEMAND IT!
FIRST YOU MUST DEFEAT YOUR ENEMIES IN COMBAT.
"THE WINNERS WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR FORMER STATE...
"...WHILE THE LOSERS SHALL REMAIN TRAPPED IN THEIR CURRENT INCARNATION FOREVER!"
GREAT.

ROBOTNIK'S RETURN
CHAPTER 3
EITHER I'M TOTALLY WIGGIN' OR WE'RE IN ROBOTROPOLIS!
BUT ROBOTROPOLIS WAS DESTROYED, SONIC!*
*Along with Robotnik in ish# 110.
PATHETIC!
YOU BUFFOONS WOULDN'T KNOW A HOLO-PROJECTED LANDSCAPE IF YOU WERE LIVING IN ONE!


OR DYING IN ONE. WHATEVER.
ROBOTNIK-- WAIT!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR THOSE BOZO ALIENS SAY THIS WAS SOME KIND OF STUPID EX-PERIMENT?
ARE WE JUST GONNA JUMP THROUGH THEIR HOOPS?
SACRIFICES MUST ALWAYS BE MADE...
BOOM
...IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE!
OH...


...YOU ARE SO GONNA PAY FOR THAT!
FWOOSH
SH-BOOM
WHOOPS!
EEP!
WHUMP
OW! MY FUNNY BONE!
HOO-HOO! STAY HEE-HEE BACK HA-HA! MECHA-SONIC!
POW
POW
SPLANF
ZING
SPEEOOW
I'LL BE BACK.
WE'LL BE HERE.


GIVE IT UP, CHIEF!
YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM MY INFRA-RED EYES!
"AS A MATTER OF FACT--"
--I SEE YOU!
SPROING
WHA--?! NO FAIR!
FWAP
CONGRATS, ROBO! YOU'VE GOT YOUR VERY OWN COLUMN!
WE'RE THE WINNERS, TAILS!
YAAAYYY!
THIS ONLY CONFIRMS MY THEORY THAT ROBOTICS ARE SUPERIOR TO ORGANICS!
GO EASY ON YOURSELF, DORK!
YOU TRIED YOUR BEST.

EPILOGUE
...AND, SERIOUSLY, THAT'S HOW IT WENT DOWN!
ALIENS FROM OUTER-SPACE? MECHA-SONIC? MECHA-TAILS? YOU KNOW...
...YOU BOYS CAN JUST TELL US IF ROBOTNIK AND SNIVELY MANAGED TO SNEAK AWAY!
"THEY DIDN'T SNEAK AWAY AFTER WE WON, AND THE ALIENS KEPT THEIR PART OF THE DEAL...
"...THEY BEAMED US BACK TO THE SURFACE!"
BUT THAT MEANS ROBOTNIK COULD BE ANYWHERE, AND IF HE'S FLESH AND BLOOD THEN THERE'S NO WAY TO TRACK HIM!
WHICH MEANS WE WON'T KNOW WHERE--OR WHEN--HE'LL STRIKE NEXT!
HA! HA! HA! HA!
The End... FOR NOW!

St. JOHN + HERSHEY IN HEART TO HEART

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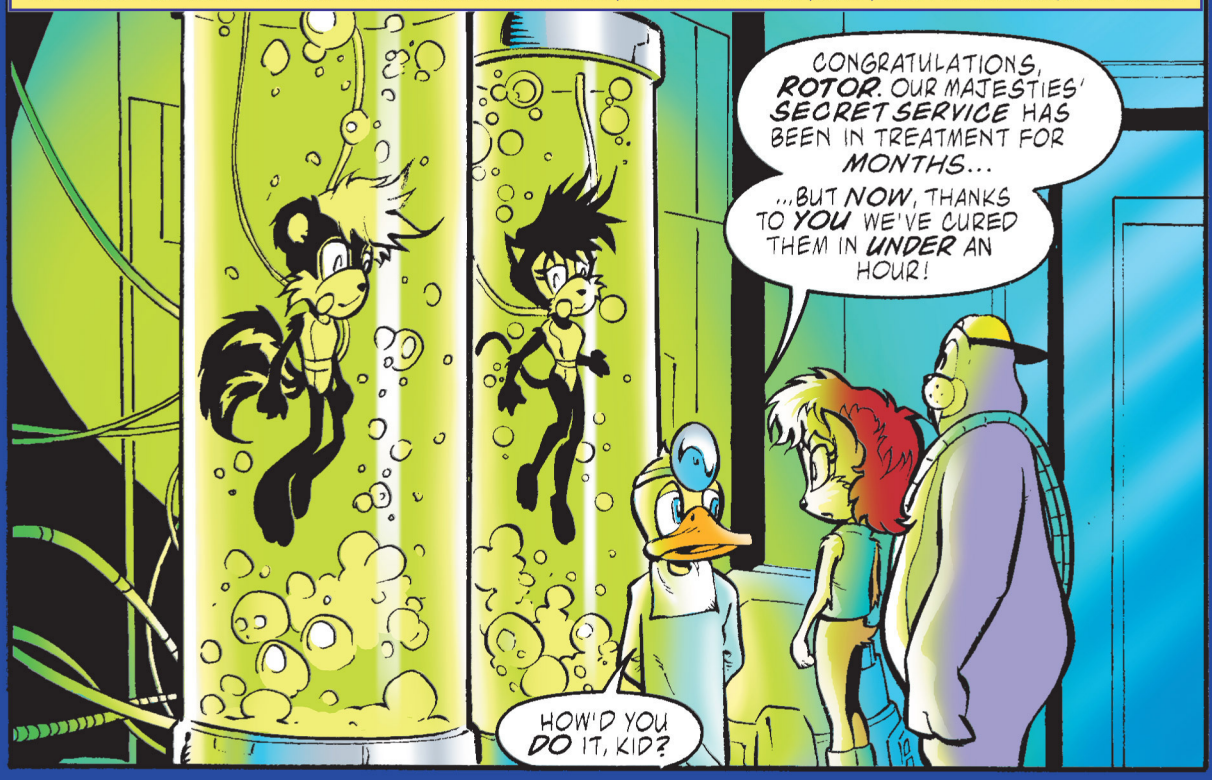
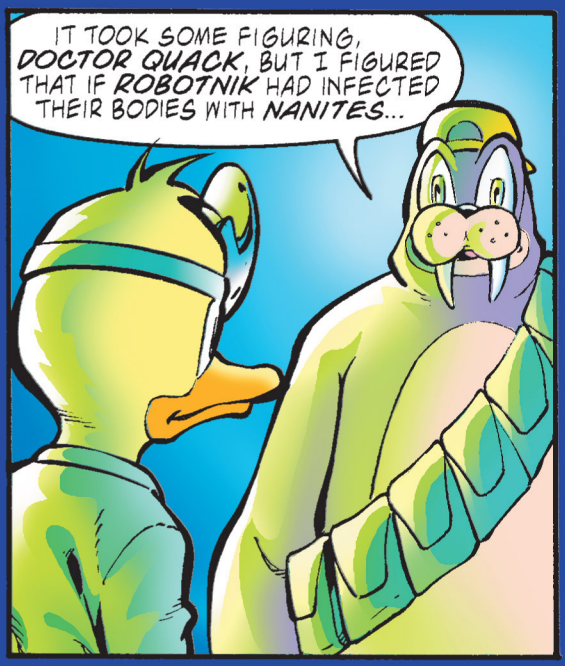
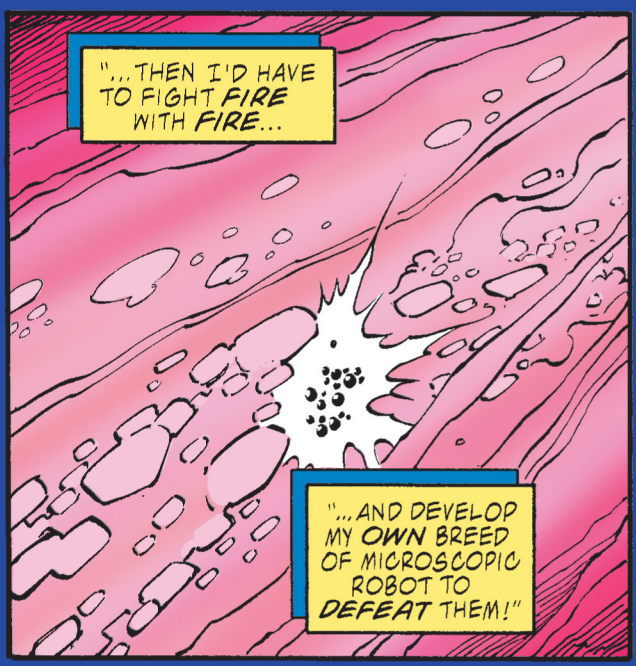
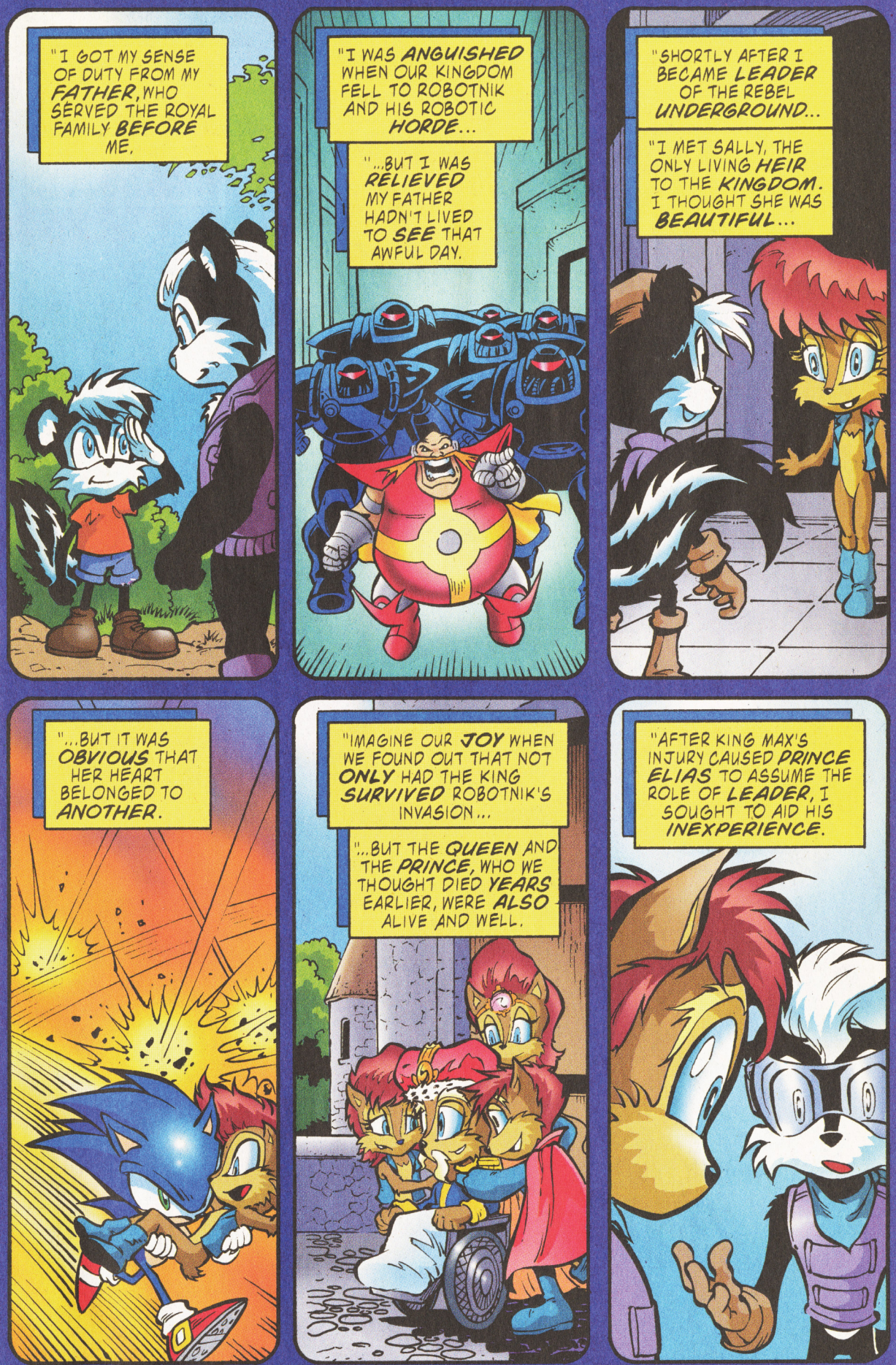

CONGRATULATIONS, ROTOR. OUR MAJESTIES' SECRET SERVICE HAS BEEN IN TREATMENT FOR MONTHS...
...BUT NOW, THANKS TO YOU WE'VE CURED THEM IN UNDER AN HOUR!
HOW'D YOU DO IT, KID?





LATER...
GEOFFREY!
H'LO, PRINCESS SALLY. I SAW YOU OBSERVING OUR RECOVERY EARLIER.
YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D MISS IT, DID YOU? YOUR LOYALITY TO MY PARENTS KNOWS NO BOUNDS...
...AND IT'LL BE GOOD TO SEE YOU RETURN TO ACTIVE DUTY LEADING THEIR SECRET SERVICE.
IN THE MEANTIME, YOU AND HERSHEY SHOULD REST UP WHILE I GIVE MOM AND DAD THE GOOD NEWS.
O-OF COURSE, YOUR HIGHNESS...
I DON'T GET IT, GEOFF. WHAT'S WITH THE FROWNY-FACE? AREN'T YOU GLAD TO BE BACK IN ACTION?
I, FOR ONE WANT TO MAKE SURE ROBOTNIK PAYS FOR WHAT HE DID TO US!
IF YOU WANT TO BLAME SOMEONE FOR WHAT HAPPENED, LUV, THEN LOOK NO FURTHER.
HE'S STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU.


"I GOT MY SENSE OF DUTY FROM MY FATHER, WHO SERVED THE ROYAL FAMILY BEFORE ME.
"I WAS ANGUISHED WHEN OUR KINGDOM FELL TO ROBOTNIK AND HIS ROBOTIC HORDE...
"...BUT I WAS RELIEVED MY FATHER HADN'T LIVED TO SEE THAT AWFUL DAY.
"SHORTLY AFTER I BECAME LEADER OF THE REBEL UNDERGROUND...
"I MET SALLY, THE ONLY LIVING HEIR TO THE KINGDOM. I THOUGHT SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL...
"...BUT IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT HER HEART BELONGED TO ANOTHER.
"IMAGINE OUR JOY WHEN WE FOUND OUT THAT NOT ONLY HAD THE KING SURVIVED ROBOTNIK'S INVASION...
"...BUT THE QUEEN AND THE PRINCE, WHO WE THOUGHT DIED YEARS EARLIER, WERE ALSO ALIVE AND WELL.
"AFTER KING MAX'S INJURY CAUSED PRINCE ELIAS TO ASSUME THE ROLE OF LEADER, I SOUGHT TO AID HIS INEXPERIENCE.

"I FELT IT WAS MY DUTY TO PROVE THAT I WAS AS CAPABLE AS SONIC...

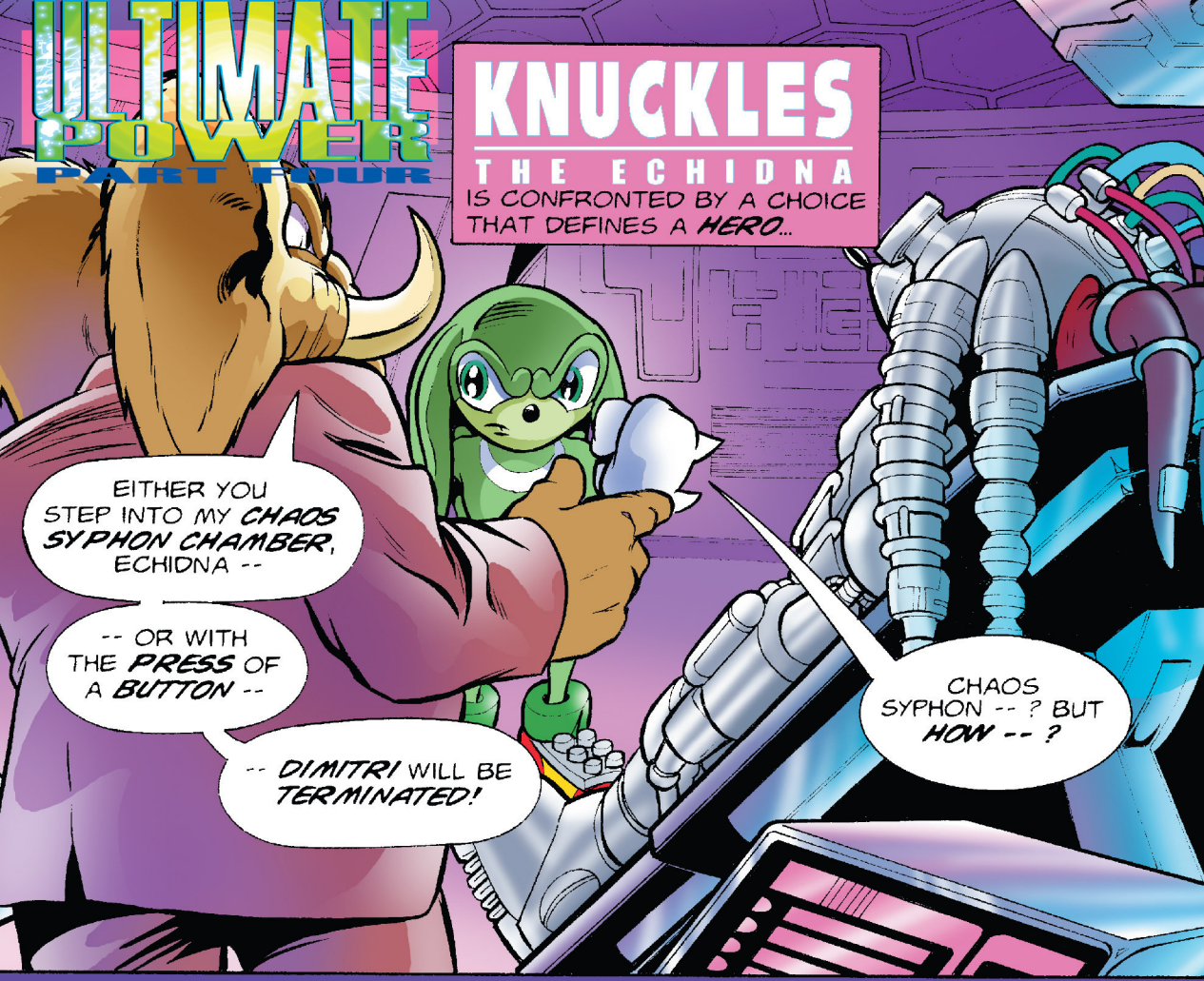
"...BUT INSTEAD MY EGO CAUSED MY TEAM TO FALL VICTIM TO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK.

"IT'S NO SURPRISE THE PRINCE IMPOSED EXILE ON HIMSELF.
"EVERY BIT OF ADVICE I GAVE HIM WAS SELF-SERVING AND USELESS.

I FAILED PRINCE ELIAS, I'VE FAILED THE KINGDOM, I'VE FAILED MY FATHER'S MEMORY.
I'M NOT RETURNING TO ACTIVE DUTY, HERSHEY, BECAUSE I DON'T DESERVE TO.

NO WAY, GEOFF. YOU LOST YOUR WAY FOR A WHILE, BUT YOU'RE A HERO, HOTSTUFF...
...THAT'S WHAT MADE ME FALL FOR YOU.

LATER...
=Ahem=
H'LO, YOUR MAJESTIES. HERSHEY AND I ARE REQUESTING A LEAVE OF ABSENCE...
...DURING WHICH WE INTEND TO TRAVEL THE GLOBE IN SEARCH OF PRINCE ELIAS.
HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED US NOT TO DO SO...
...BUT PERHAPS IT'S TIME THE ROYAL FAMILY WAS ONCE AGAIN REUNITED. YOUR REQUEST IS GRANTED, LAD.
WE'LL MISS YOU BOTH, HERSHEY.
GOOD-BYE...
"...AND GOOD LUCK!"
The End


ULTIMATE POWER
PART FOUR
KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA
IS CONFRONTED BY A CHOICE THAT DEFINES A HERO...
EITHER YOU STEP INTO MY CHAOS SYPHON CHAMBER, ECHIDNA --
-- OR WITH THE PRESS OF A BUTTON --
-- DIMITRI WILL BE TERMINATED!
CHAOS SYPHON -- ? BUT HOW -- ?

KEN PENDERS
SCRIPT, LAYOUTS, LETTERS & INKS

DAWN BEST
PENCILS

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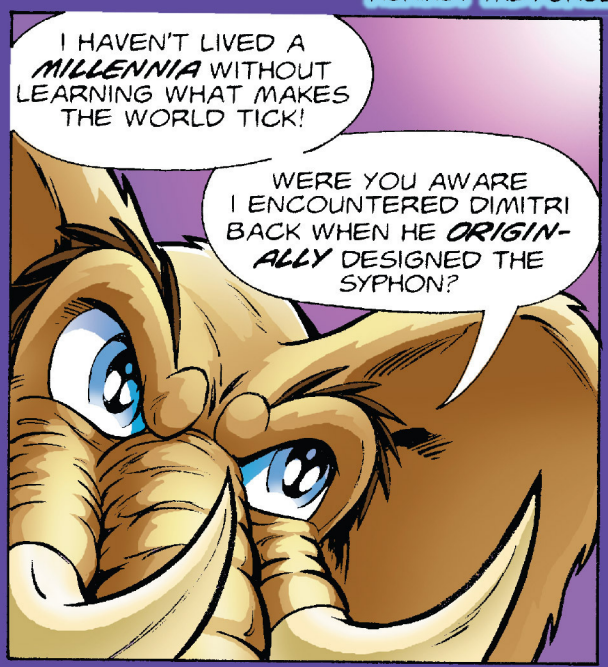
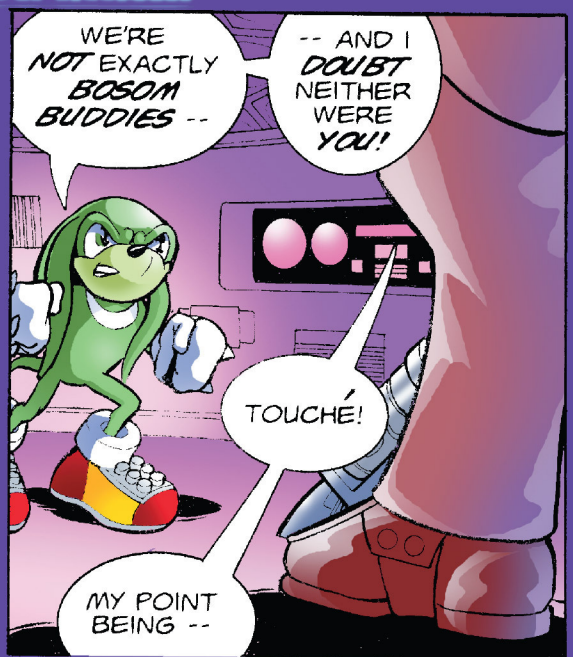
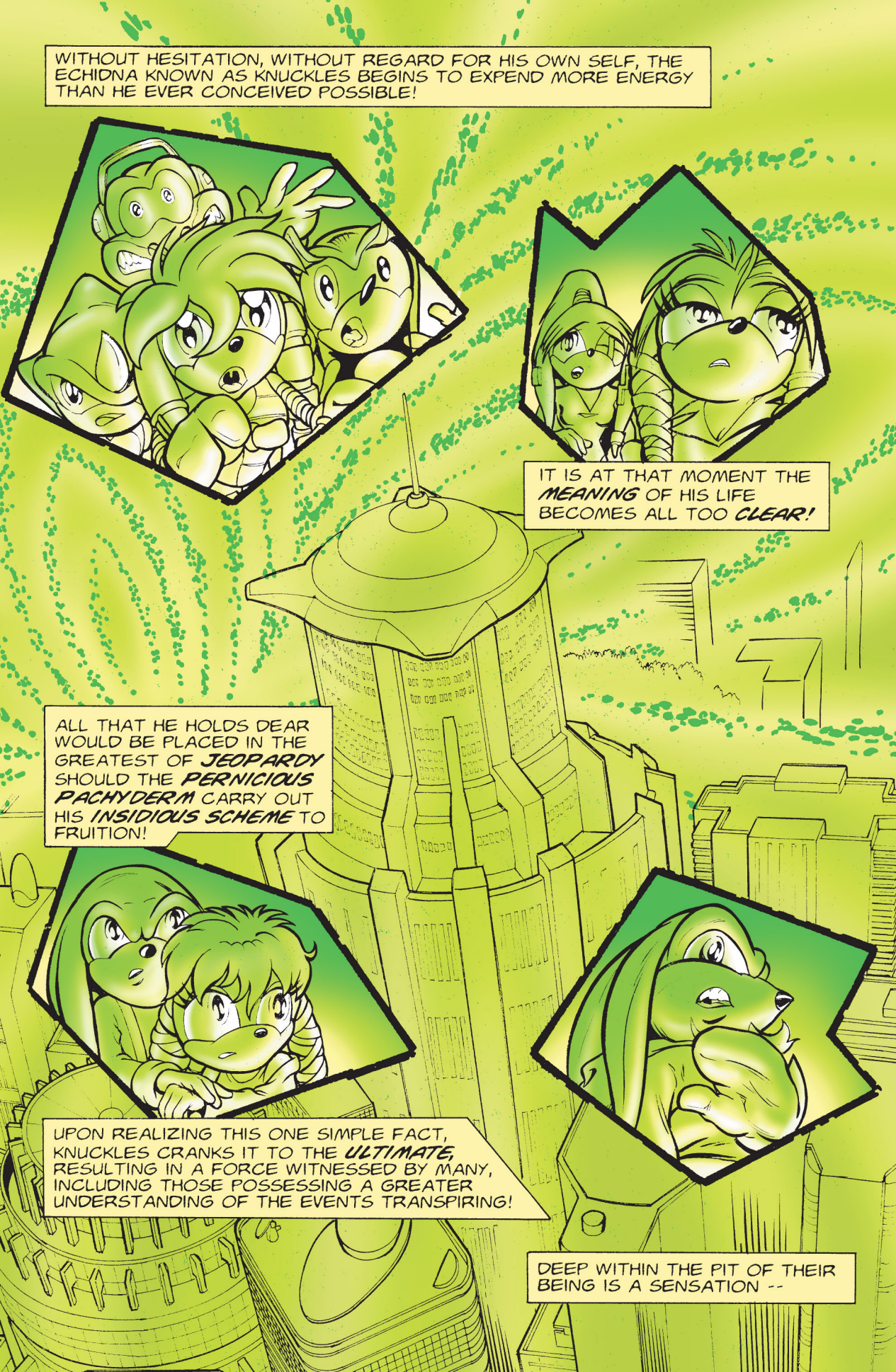
-- ONCE AGAIN UNLEASH ANOTHER SEGA-INSPIRED SPECTACULAR IN THE NEVERENDING BATTLE AGAINST THE FORCES OF DARKNESS!


I HAVEN'T LIVED A MILLENNIA WITHOUT LEARNING WHAT MAKES THE WORLD TICK!
WERE YOU AWARE I ENCOUNTERED DIMITRI BACK WHEN HE ORIGINALLY DESIGNED THE SYPHON?

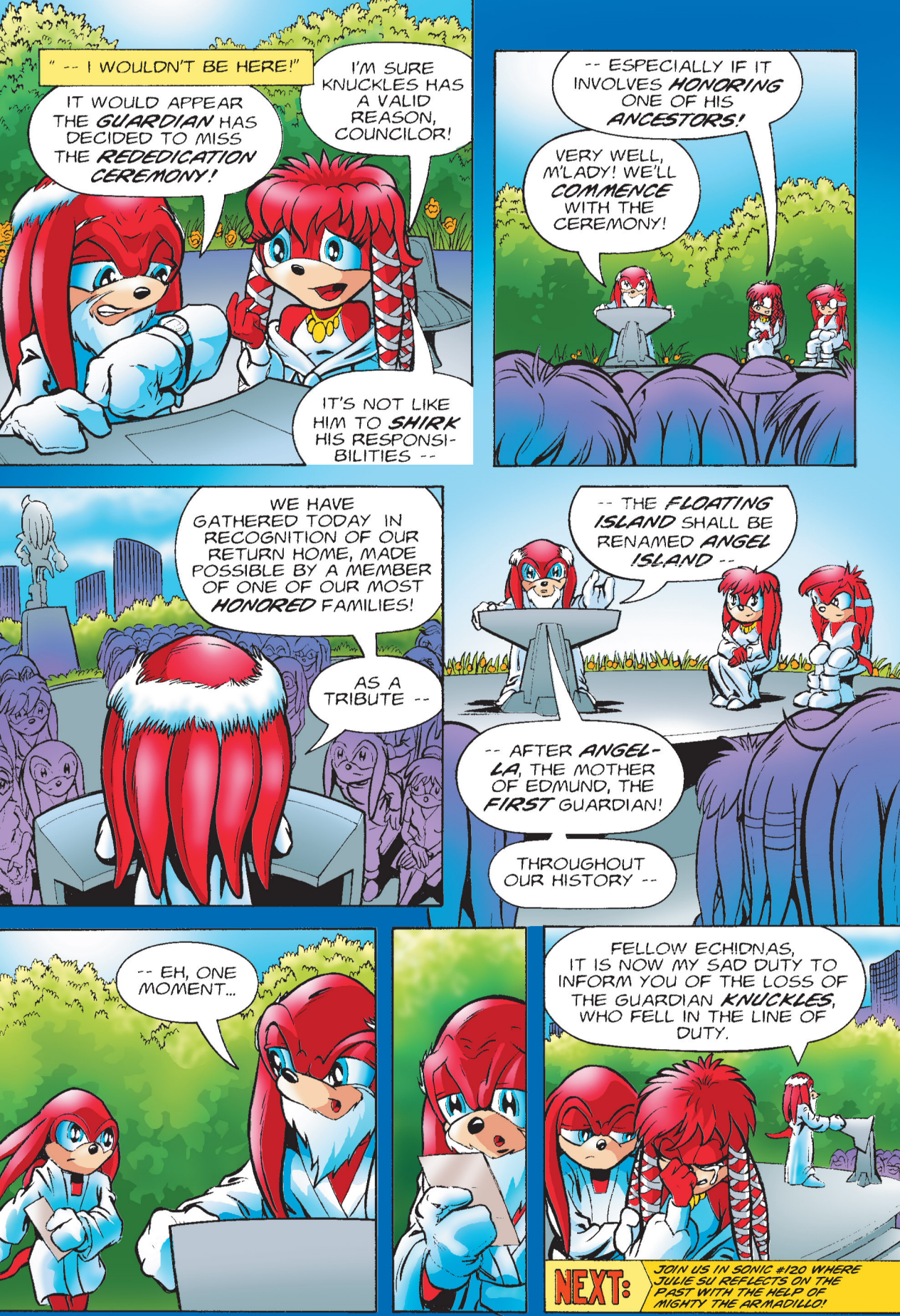


-- WHEN I WANT SOMETHING, I USUALLY GET IT!
THEN -- AS NOW!
OH, YOU'LL GET IT ALL RIGHT --
" -- MY WAY!"
WHAT THE -- ?!!
LOOK! OUTSIDE THE WINDOW!
GREEN FLASHES OF LIGHT!
THAT MUST BE WHERE KNUCKLES IS!
LET'S GO!
AT THAT SAME MOMENT ELSEWHERE IN THE CITY, ABOARD THE DARK LEGION BATTLECRUISER...
DAMAGE CONTROL, REPORT!
ALL STATIONS REPORTING MINIMAL DAMAGE --
-- WHILE SENSORS ARE SHOWING STRONG CHAOS ENERGY READINGS --
-- COMING FROM HERE!
ASSEMBLE A TEAM TO ACCOMPANY ME!
MORE THAN LIKELY IT'S KNUCKLES --

" -- WHICH MEANS DIMITRI MAY BE THERE AS WELL!"
WHY MUST THE YOUNG ALWAYS LEARN THINGS THE HARD WAY?
NOW YOU HAVE ONLY YOURSELF TO BLAME --
KLIK!
NO!
-- WHEN I DE-ACTIVATE DIMITRI'S LIFELINE!
NO MATTER WHAT THE RAT HAS DONE --
-- I HAVE TO SAVE HIM!
AS I SURMISED!
LIKE ANY GOOD CHESS-PLAYER, ONE SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE SEVERAL COUNTER-MOVES --
-- IN ORDER TO LEAD ONE'S OPPONENT TOWARDS THE DESIRED OUTCOME!
FEELS WORSE THAN THE LAST TIME!*
THE WHOLE ROOM MUST BE A CHAOS SYPHON!
* KNUCKLES HAD A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE BACK IN SONIC #94 - JUSTIN.
YES INDEED!
YOU NEVER HAD A CHANCE!
NOT IF I -- GO INTO --
-- OVERLOAD MODE!


WITHOUT HESITATION, WITHOUT REGARD FOR HIS OWN SELF, THE ECHIDNA KNOWN AS KNUCKLES BEGINS TO EXPEND MORE ENERGY THAN HE EVER CONCEIVED POSSIBLE!
IT IS AT THAT MOMENT THE MEANING OF HIS LIFE BECOMES ALL TOO CLEAR!
ALL THAT HE HOLDS DEAR WOULD BE PLACED IN THE GREATEST OF JEOPARDY SHOULD THE PERNICIOUS PACHYDERM CARRY OUT HIS INSIDIOUS SCHEME TO FRUITION!
UPON REALIZING THIS ONE SIMPLE FACT, KNUCKLES CRANKS IT TO THE ULTIMATE, RESULTING IN A FORCE WITNESSED BY MANY, INCLUDING THOSE POSSESSING A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE EVENTS TRANSPIRING!
DEEP WITHIN THE PIT OF THEIR BEING IS A SENSATION --

-- THEY MAY BE JUST A BIT TOO LATE!
IT'S HARD TO SAY WHAT WE'LL FIND, JULIE-SU!
THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD IS A DISASTER AREA!
LOOK WHAT SLITHERED OUT FROM UNDER HER ROCK!
LIEN-DA!
I HOPE YOU HAVE A GOOD EXPLANATION FOR BEING HERE!
WE'RE HERE FOR DIMITRI --
-- AND I PROMISE YOU A FIGHT IF YOU TRY TO STOP US!
SINCE THE GUARDIAN WAS ALSO CONCERNED FOR HIS WELL-BEING, YOU MAY REMAIN AND ASSIST!
THANK YOU, CONSTABLE!
IF HE ONLY KNEW WHOM HE TRULY WAS ADDRESSING!
GREAT-GRANDFATHER!
DON'T WORRY OVER ME, CHILD!
LOOK FOR KNUCKLES!
"IF NOT FOR HIM -- "
OH, NO!


" -- I WOULDN'T BE HERE!"
IT WOULD APPEAR THE GUARDIAN HAS DECIDED TO MISS THE REDEDICATION CEREMONY!
I'M SURE KNUCKLES HAS A VALID REASON, COUNCILOR!
IT'S NOT LIKE HIM TO SHIRK HIS RESPONSI-BILITIES --
-- ESPECIALLY IF IT INVOLVES HONORING ONE OF HIS ANCESTORS!
VERY WELL, M'LADY! WE'LL COMMENCE WITH THE CEREMONY!
WE HAVE GATHERED TODAY IN RECOGNITION OF OUR RETURN HOME, MADE POSSIBLE BY A MEMBER OF ONE OF OUR MOST HONORED FAMILIES!
AS A TRIBUTE --
-- THE FLOATING ISLAND SHALL BE RENAMED ANGEL ISLAND --
-- AFTER ANGEL-LA, THE MOTHER OF EDMUND, THE FIRST GUARDIAN!
THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY --
-- EH, ONE MOMENT...
FELLOW ECHIDNAS, IT IS NOW MY SAD DUTY TO INFORM YOU OF THE LOSS OF THE GUARDIAN KNUCKLES, WHO FELL IN THE LINE OF DUTY.
NEXT:
JOIN US IN SONIC #120 WHERE JULIE SU REFLECTS ON THE PAST WITH THE HELP OF MIGHTY THE ARMADILLO!